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SUBJECT: POLISH PRESS REACTION TO US-GDR ANNOUNCEMENT

1. THE CENTRAL PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 5 FRONT-PAGED A BRIEF PAP  
REPORT OF THE US-GDR AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS. THOUGH THE HEADLINES ARE MATTER-OF-FACT, THE  
REPORT ITSELF PROCLAIMS THAT ON SEPTEMBER 4 THE "PROCESS OF  
DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE GDR IN THE WORLD WAS COMPLETED."

2. ECHOING THIS THEME, COMMENTARY IN BOTH TRYBUNA LUDU AND  
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ZYCIE WARSZAWY DEPICTS THE AGREEMENT AS CULMINATING THE CHAIN

OF EVENTS, SUCH AS THE 1972 AGREEMENT ON FRG-GDR RELATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT UN ADMISSION, LEADING TO THE "HISTORIC VICTORY OF THE GDR" (TRYBUNA'S PHRASE) IN THE STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL LEGAL SUBSTANCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. BOTH NEWSPAPERS ALSO PORTRAY THE ACT OF RECOGNITION BY THE U.S. AS A "FORMAL RESIGNATION" FROM THE LONG TERM "COLD WAR" POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION AND A SIGN OF THE CONTINUATION OF "REALISTIC STREAMS" IN U.S. POLICY AS A REINFORCEMENT OF DETENTE. TRYBUNA LUDU FORESEES IN US-GDR NORMALIZATION A FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF GDR PRESTIGE ALONG WITH ACTIVIZATION OF ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND OTHER BILATERAL CONTACTS.

3. THE ZYCIE WARSZAWY EDITORIAL, BY GERMAN SPECIALIST ZBIGNIEW RAMOTOWSKI, FINDS ADDED SIGNIFICANCE IN THE EVENT SINCE THE U.S. IS CLOSELY ALLIED WITH THE FRG WHERE "EFFORTS ARE STILL BEING MADE TO KEEP OPEN THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF THE GERMAN STATES." RAMOTOWSKI ALSO CITES SOCIALIST CAMP SUPPORT OF THE GDR, AND HE RAISES THE RECENT FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE ISSUE, INDICATING THAT THE RESULTING DIFFICULTIES IN THE U.S.-GDR TALKS HAD BEEN OVERCOME BY "GOOD WILL" ON BOTH SIDES.

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